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Mr. Matthew Baird
Director of Training
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baird:

In 1952 the School of Advanced International Studies sponsored a summer session and conference on "Southeast Asia in the Coming World." As indicated by the title, the aim of the program was to focus attention on the problems inherent in the transition from colonialism to sovereignty in this critical area of the world. That this objective was satisfactorily accomplished was evidenced by the widespread interest shown in the substantive course offerings and conference meetings, as well as by the cordial reception of the subsequent publication in book form of the conference papers.

Since 1952 two similar programs have been held under the auspices of the School. The 1953 sessions were concerned with "The Threat of Soviet Imperialism," and in 1954 the subject was "Contemporary Problems of Africa." Both sessions met with outstanding success. The published volume of conference papers resulting from the 1953 meetings has had an extensive sale. The papers presented at the 1954 conference are now in page proof and publication is expected early in 1955.

At the present moment the picture in Southeast Asia has taken on new and urgent tones. In planning for the summer of 1955, it therefore seems desirable to hold a session and conference somewhat narrower in topical scope than the 1952 program, but within that scope including consideration of the adjacent area of South Asia. The extent to which the developments in these regions interact and result in common trends and impacts cannot and should not be ignored. In line with this thinking, a 1955 summer session and conference are projected on "Nationalism and Progress in South and Southeast Asia." Appropriate substantive courses will be offered during the eight weeks session, and there is attached a tentative draft of the conference program. The conference papers will be published, as before, by the Johns Hopkins Press.

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A unique feature of the planning for a 1955 program involves the holding in Rangoon at a slightly later date than the meetings in Washington of a coordinated conference. This is made possible by the existence in Rangoon of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies which is operated jointly by the School and the University of Rangoon. In order to prevent duplication and overlapping, the Rangoon conference, which will be attended by representatives of other South and Southeast Asian universities, will be concerned largely with problems of economic development, regional cooperation and education. The Washington conference will deal more specifically with political and social factors in the development of nationalism, and with the menace of communism. In this way, it will be possible to include in the same published volume the papers presented at both conferences. An incidental advantage of the Rangoon conference will be the greater ease of attracting to Rangoon important personalities who might not find it feasible to make the longer journey to Washington. It should be emphasized that the plans for the Rangoon conference are quite distinct from those for the Washington program, and will be separately financed.

The experience and know-how which the School has acquired in the conduct of these summer programs for the last three years cannot fail to give value to subsequent sessions. It is believed, moreover, that the program envisaged for 1955 is one of great significance. In addition to the positive benefits to be gained through presentation and publication of papers by the eminent authorities who will attend the conference, the program should be of definite value in certain other respects, as follows:

1. It will bring together at the graduate level a group of students many of whom may be potentially useful;
2. Most of the leading American experts on the areas in question will be present during the week of the conference;
3. The program will make it possible to bring to this country in a perfectly natural way foreign experts and others whose presence here may be especially desired;
4. The summer session, as well as the conference, will provide a unique opportunity for the intensive study of problems of unusual significance for the free world.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Philip W. Thayer
Philip W. Thayer
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Enclosure

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NATIONALISM AND PROGRESS IN ASIA

Monday, August 8 am Introductory Remarks
President Lowell J. Reed
The United States Looks at Free Asia
Speaker: George Allen
Commentator: Ferdinand Kuhn

pm Free Asia Looks at the United States
Speaker: Mme. Pandit
Commentator: James Barrington
The Background of Colonialism
Speaker: D.G.E. Hall
Commentator: Htin Aung

Tuesday, August 9 am The Imprint of Colonialism
Speaker: R. Supomo
Commentator: J.S. Furnivall
The Progress of Nationalism
Speaker: Rupert Emerson
Commentator: Richard L. Park

pm Problems of Sovereignty
Speaker: Claude Buss
Commentator: Philip W. Thayer
The Influence of Racial Minorities
Speaker: Victor Purcell
Commentator: Paul Linebarger

Wednesday, August 10 am Backgrounds of Communism in Asia
Speaker: Arnold Toynbee (alt. William Langer)
Commentator:
Post-War Development of Communism
Speaker: R.S.S. Gunewardene
Commentator: Virginia Thompson

pm Current Techniques of Communist Aggression
Speaker: Adam Watson
Commentator: Doak Barnett
Answers to Communism
Speaker: Charles Thomson
Commentator: W.C. Johnstone, Jr.

Thursday, August 11 am Problems of Public Administration
Speaker: Paul Appleby
Commentator: G.L. Mehta (R.K. Nehru)
Political Parties
Speaker: Mockarto Notowidigdo
Commentator:

pm

Policy Choices of Free Asia

Speaker: U Nu (Carlos Romulo)

Commentator: Nicholas Roosevelt (Mike
Mansfield)

Policy Choices of the Western World

Speaker: Malcolm Macdonald

Commentator: Chester Bowles

Banquet, Thursday Evening: Speaker, Adlai Stevenson

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It is presently planned to offer the following courses in connection with the 1955 summer program of the School of Advanced International Studies:

Problems of Communist Expansion in Southeast Asia
Colonialism, Nationalism, and Communism in Southeast Asia
Southeast Asian Economic Problems
Contemporary Problems of South Asia
Geographic Factors in the Development of South and Southeast Asia

Professors Paul Linebarger and William C. Johnstone of the School Faculty will offer respectively the courses on "Colonialism, Nationalism, and Communism in Southeast Asia" and "Contemporary Problems of South Asia."

Others being considered as Faculty members are:

Victor Purcell (University of London)
D. G. E. Hall (University of London)
Samuel Van Valkenberg (Clark University)
Deak Barnett (American Universities Field Service)
Charles Thomson (The Brookings Institution)
Shannon McCune (Colgate University)